UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SALVADOR V. PORTILLO.
Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERTO CASTILLO, d/b/a of R & C CLEANING SERVICES,
Defendants

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COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

INTRODUCTION

MAGISTRATE JUDGE 51-A

1. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. §201, et seq., seeking to recover damages for unpaid overtime compensation in willful violation of the FSLA.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b). The Court also has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 because the Plaintiff resides in this judicial district.

<u>PARTIES</u>

- 1. Plaintiff is Salvador V. Portillo. He is a resident of Everett, Massachusetts and a citizen of El Salvador.
- 2. Defendant Roberto Castillo is natural person who resides at 200 Park Terrace

- Drive, Stoneham, MA and formerly doing business at 28 Starbird Street, Malden, MA.. At all relevant times he has done business as R & C Cleaning Services.
- Defendant R & C Cleaning Services is a Massachusetts entity doing business at 200 Park Terrace Drive, Stoneham and formerly doing business at 28 Starbird Street, Malden, MA.
- 4. At all relevant times Defendants had employees handling, selling, or otherwise working on, goods or materials that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person.
- 5. At all relevant times Defendants had an annual gross volume of sales made or business done of not less than \$500,000.
- 6. Plaintiff worked for Defendant from February 1, 2001 to April 25, 2003.
- 7. During the course of his employment Plaintiff regularly worked forty (40) hours per week at \$9.00, \$9.25 and \$9.50 per hour (hereinafter "straight time"). He also worked a total of one thousand one hundred and fifty (1,150) hours of overtime, that is, hours in excess of forty (40) per week, for which he was always paid only straight time and never paid time and one half.
- 8. Defendants acted willfully and were not acting in good faith when they failed to pay overtime wages of one and one-half times Plaintiff's regular hourly rate when same was due.

CLAIM: VIOLATION OF FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT:

- 9. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 8 with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 10. Defendants had an obligation to pay Plaintiff overtime pay of one and one-half his regular rate for all hours worked in excess of forty in a workweek.
- 11. Defendants intentionally, willfully and deliberately failed to pay Plaintiff overtime wages of one and one-half times his regular rate when same was due.
- 12. Defendants had no reasonable grounds for failing to pay overtime wages of one and one-half times Plaintiff's regular hourly rate to him when same was due.
- 13. Defendants knew, or should have known that, in failing to so pay, they were violating the provisions of 29 U.S.C. §§ 207(a)(1) and 215(a)(2).
- 14. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b), Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for the violation of 29 U.S.C. §207(a) as set forth herein.
- 15. Within the last three years time Plaintiff has suffered four thousand one hundred and fifty four and 43/100ths dollars (\$4,154.43) in damages on account of Defendants' violations of the FLSA.
- 16. Plaintiff is entitled to double (liquidated) damages on this amount pursuant to 29 U.S. §216(b).
- 17. Plaintiff has given written consent to the filing of this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b) (See Exhibit A hereto).

PRAYERS FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Court:

- 1. Award Plaintiff damages for unpaid overtime compensation, plus, as liquidated damages, an additional sum equal to the amount of unpaid overtime compensation.
- 2. Award Plaintiff the costs and other disbursements of this action, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, accountant's and expert's fees;
- 3. Award Plaintiff prejudgment interest;
- 4. Grant the Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court may deem just, proper, and equitable.

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL ISSUES SO TRIABLE.

Respectfully submitted,

By His Attorney,

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Dated: March 29, 2005

CONSENT FORM

Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b) and Section 5(a) of the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947, I hereby consent to be a plaintiff in a civil action seeking damages under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. I further consent to my attorney's filing of such a civil action.

Salvador V. Portillo

Date: March 28, 2005



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